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OF: Keiji KURODA et al.

| ART UNIT: 2833

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| EXAMINER: F. O. FIGUEROA

FOR: Receptacle Connector with Latch Arms and Plug Connector to
be Connected Thereto

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATE
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Dear Sir:

- 1) This is a supplement to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed by mail with a certificate of mailing on June 20, 2006. This supplemental IDS provides further remarks regarding references AE and AF that were cited and enclosed with the IDS of June 20, 2006.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (after the RCE of December 19, 2005) and includes a statement under 37

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CFR 1.97(e) (see next paragraph). Thus, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), no fee is due.

- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- 4) Reference AE (Japanese Patent Publication 11-054217) and reference AF (Japanese Patent Publication 2002-175855) were cited by the Japanese Examiner in a Japanese Office Action issued on April 25, 2006 in Japanese Priority Application 2002-340081, which is a counterpart of the present US application. The Japanese Examiner referred to Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of reference AE in connection with the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 of the present US application. The Japanese Examiner cited both references AE and AF regarding the subject matter of original claims 3 and 4 of the present US application. Particularly, the Japanese Examiner cited reference AE regarding a metallic cover and metallic latch arms, and he cited Fig. 1 of reference AF regarding each latch arm being integrally provided on the cover. The Japanese Examiner further cited both references AE and AF regarding the subject matter of original claims 5 to 12 of the present US application, whereby he especially referred to Fig. 1 of reference AE. The Japanese Examiner's citations of these references are not verified or adopted as accurate by the applicant, but are submitted for the

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US Examiner's consideration of the possible relevance of these Japanese references to the present US application.

- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 6) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12 to 25 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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